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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, first sentence, insert "This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP99/02650, filed on May 20, 1999."

Page 3, line 34, delete "BYG" and substitute therefor --BTG--

Page 6, line 31, delete "AS" and substitute therefor -- As--

Page 18, line 18, delete "and"

Page 26, line 4, delete "ore" and substitute therefor --or--

Page 50, line 12, delete "layer" and substitute therefor -- later--

Page 52, line 25, delete "cattle" and substitute therefor --bovine--

## REMARKS

The above amendments correct typographical and clerical errors and do not constitute new matter. Entry of the above amendments prior to examination and early action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Date: November 13, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

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